

## **Lake Puckaway Protection & Rehabilitation District Board Meeting**

Thursday, April 11, 2024 | 6:30 P.M.

Marquette Village Hall

127 4th St, Marquette, WI 53947

### **Board Members Present**

- John Harter, Chairman
- Kyle Miller, Treasurer
- Paul Gettelman, Commissioner
- Rick Stel, Commissioner
- Don Dysland, Commissioner
- Bob Schweder, Green Lake County Appointee
- Maddy Wergin, Secretary/Town of Mekan Appointee

### **Board Members Absent**

- N/A

### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

- Meeting called to order by John at 6:32 pm. Roll call taken as reflected above.

### **Agenda Review**

- Bob makes motion to approve agenda as presented. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2024 & March 7, 2024**

- Bob makes motion to approve the February 19, 2024 & March 7, 2024 meeting minutes as presented on the website. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Balances through April 7, 2024
- Money Market → \$9,066.98 (some interest has been earned)
- Checking 1 → \$38,369.22 (deposit from Town of Mekan for the tax levy of \$6,971.29)
- Checking 2 → \$6,200.16
  - Total = \$53,636.36
- Expenses
  - Cason Invoice → \$7,771.25 adjusted to \$7,523.75 (holding off on paying until John connects with Cason regarding questions)
- Loan Balance → \$0.00
  - Kyle states that we received approval from district members to borrow up to \$400,000.00, but until we have a plan we cannot start borrowing.
- LPPRD still does not have online access to bank accounts.
- Paul makes motion to accept the treasurer's report as provided. Seconded by Rick. Motion carried.

### **Commissioner Introductions**

- Kyle Miller → Kyle has been on the lake his whole life (about 40 years). Volunteered to be a commissioner for two reasons: (1) frustrated with the lake and wanted to make a difference, and (2) knew the lake district would be slowed down and wanted to help.
- Rick Stel → Rick's family has been on the lake since 1910. Has helped with a variety of issues throughout the years. In 2004, wrote a \$10,000 grant that was received for the lake district.
- Don Dysland → Don is a Vietnam Veteran. He has been on the lake since 2007, he loves the lake and is happy to be here and wants to see something done that is good for everybody.

### **Lake Management Plan Consultant Proposals**

- The district received proposals from GEI and Onterra.
- Commissioners provide input on both proposals. Both proposals are very similar. Onterra was slightly cheaper. GEI was very thorough and would be a new set of eyes. Onterra knows the lake and the history of the lake. Paul clarifies that the 2017 lake management plan is still in effect and a living document.
- Bob makes motion to go with Onterra as the lake management plan consultant and their proposal. Seconded by Don. Unanimously passed. Motion carried.

### **2024 Waterbird Survey Contract Proposal**

- Daryl Christensen has been doing the surveys for the tern rafts and other terns on pancake island for the last 14 years. His cost for the year is \$1,700 (he does about 10 surveys throughout the summer). Tern rafts really help with gaining points for grants as terns are endangered species. Doing the tern rafts and surveys are good not only for grants, but for helping an endanger threatened species.
- Paul makes motion to pay Daryl Christensen \$1,700 towards the tern raft program. Seconded by Bob. Unanimously passed. Motion carried.

### **Marquette County Lakes Association/Grant**

- Maddy states the membership dues of \$50 are due for MCLA. MCLA is also offering grants up to \$500. Maddy states the grant application is less than half a page long.
- Paul makes motion to pay the \$50 membership fee to MCLA. Seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

### **Keys – PO Box & Kiosks**

- There are two keys for the PO Box
  - John has a key
  - Maddy has a key
- There are an unknown number of keys for the kiosks located at the Apukawa boat launch (north side), Charlevoix boat launch (south side), and the Princeton Dam.
  - John has a key
  - Maddy has a key

**Amend 10/4/2023 Meeting Minutes (Typo from Ted on 10/6/23)**

- Maddy states Ted reached out to her regarding a typo in the 10/4/23 meeting minutes. The typo is in regard to Ted's recommendation that we "pick an area no bigger than 300-500 acres and focus harvesting efforts within this one area." The correct version should state 30-60 acres. Ted & John caught typo before meeting minutes were posted, but due to oversight was not included.
- Bob makes motion to amend the 10/4/23 meeting minutes to include Ted's typo. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

### **Vouchers**

- Discussion regarding future meetings and reporting on checks being paid/upcoming invoices. Kyle will keep a list of checks being paid and future invoices and will report on them at upcoming meetings. This will allow for all commissioners and district members to better understand the finances of the district.

### **Public Comment**

- If a question is unable to be answered, John will reach out to the individuals who asked a question either by email, phone, or at the next meeting.
- Comments/questions regarding:
  - Transparency and in the future should video stream meetings
  - Water depth and trigger points for dredging
  - The dam and run off going into the lake
  - Green Lake donating to other lakes in Green Lake County and why not Lake Puckaway
  - Special meeting request and 10% of district member votes being acquired to call a special meeting
  - How can we get the DNR to come to our meetings in the future
  - Air boats and if they are private air boats or are they paid by the district
  - Onterra being a consultant in the past
  - Receiving copy of bids

### **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.